

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 27, 2007, in which the Examiner:

indicated that claims 3-6, 8-12, 14, 16-19, 22 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; and

rejected claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 15, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,625,539 to Nakata et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,563,718 to Li et al.

Pursuant to the Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of claim 3 (with claim 3 being cancelled), and claims 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 19 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form. The remaining claims all depend from one of these independent claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments substantially comply with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1, 2 and 4-23 be allowed for at least that reason, and the current application be passed to issue.

Applicants respectfully submit that nothing in the current Amendment constitutes new matter. All amendments to the claims are fully supported by the disclosure of the originally filed application.

The 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(h) fee, for six (6) independent claims in excess of three (3), is submitted herewith. Beyond this fee and the extension of time fee already submitted, Applicants believe no additional fees are due in connection with this

Amendment and Response. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any such fees to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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